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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS PROGRAM FOR ECUADOREAN NATIONAL POLICE

REF: (A) QUITO 2556; (B) STATE 083487

1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES THE FRANK STATEMENT OF EMBASSY'S VIEWS ON OUR DELAY IN APPROVING THE PROGRAM FOR THE NATIONAL POLICE. APPROVAL HAS BEEN WITHHELD OUT OF LONGSTANDING RESERVATIONS CONCERNING (1) EFFECTIVENESS OF NATIONAL POLICE AND (2) THEIR CAPABILITY TO UTILIZE SUBSTANTIAL ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT IN AN FY-75 PROGRAM. AS INDICATED IN REFERENCE (B), WE HAVE BEEN PERSUADED ON BOTH COUNTS BY EMBASSY'S REPORTING OVER PAST SEVERAL MONTHS. WE HAVE BEEN GRATIFIED PARTICULARLY BY THE IMPROVEMENT REFLECTED IN THE EMBASSY'S REPORTS OF THE MONTHLY BILATERAL MEETINGS WITH COL. VACA AND BY THE INCREASE IN ARRESTS AND SEIZURES.

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2. NEVERTHELESS, BEFORE GIVING FINAL APPROVAL TO THE PROGRAM, WE NEEDED TO KNOW THE RESULTS OF YOUR RECENT TALKS WITH NATIONAL POLICE, CONSIDERING THAT THE PROGRAM NOW CONTEMPLATED COULD DIFFER IN SOME IMPORTANT RESPECT FROM THE ONE PROPOSED LAST JUNE. YOUR RESPONSE CLARIFIED THIS POINT.

3. THE PROGRAM OUTLINED IN REFERENCE (A) HAS BEEN APPROVED. AN ALLOTMENT NUMBER WILL BE SENT FORTHWITH BY SEPARATE MESSAGE. KISSINGER

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